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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Barney S. GRAHAM and
Manoj PASTEY

Serial No.: 09/129,565

Filed: August 5, 1998

For: INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION
AND SPREAD WITH VIRAL AND
RHOA-DERIVED PEPTIDES

Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: L. Scheiner

Atty. Dkt. No.: VBLT:002US/SLH

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 5, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two-months to and including January 5, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 5, 2002.

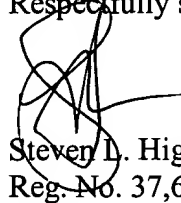
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$360.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$200.00) for a two-month extension of time.

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§§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10005331/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,



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